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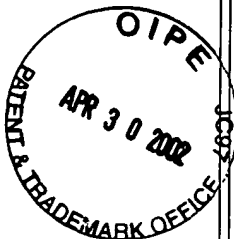
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In re application of:

GERALD BLATT

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LETTER TO DRAFTPERSON

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Attention: Official Draftperson

Sir:


Attached are revised copies of drawing Figs. 1B-F which have been revised by adding "(PRIOR ART)" as is shown in red ink on marked-up copies of the figures.

Approval of the proposed drawing changes is requested.

Revised formal drawings will be filed upon the allowance of this application.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 415-576-0200.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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